

Disaster Unemployment Assistance Application Deadline Nears

Monday, January 28, 2013 - 4:15pm

RICHMOND-- Monday, February 4, 2013, is the deadline for individuals unable to work due to the effects of Hurricane Sandy that occurred in Accomack County October 26 through November 8, 2012, to apply for disaster unemployment assistance.

Self-employed and unemployed workers who live or work in Accomack County and are not covered by regular state unemployment insurance programs may be eligible for this federally-funded assistance made available by the major disaster declaration of President Obama on November 26, 2012. Under this program, benefits of up to \$378 per week may be paid to eligible individuals until they are able to return to work.

Disaster unemployment assistance covers those whose place of business/employment was in the affected jurisdiction and: no longer have a job as a direct result of the disaster; are unable to reach their place of employment as a direct result of the disaster; were to commence employment and do not have a job or are unable to reach the job as a direct result of the disaster; are self employed, but are prevented from working due to the effects of the disaster; have become the breadwinner or major support of a household because the head of the household died as a direct result of the disaster; or cannot work because of injury caused as a direct result of the disaster.

Anyone interested in filing for disaster unemployment assistance should visit the nearest Virginia Employment Commission (VEC) local office on or before the filing deadline of Monday, February 4, 2013. The VEC office on the Eastern Shore is located at 25036 Lankford Highway, Unit 16, Onley, Virginia 23418.

Applicants should have their Social Security number and, if possible, documentation showing earnings for the year 2011.

For further information, contact C.B. Pierce at the VEC at (804) 786-1883 or Bob Spieldenner at the Virginia Department of Emergency Management at (804) 897-6510.

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